

(Washington D.C.)- Missouri Congressman Russ Carnahan will again take a lead role in putting together votes for the passage of the DeGette-Castle Stem Cell Research Act (H.R.3). By allowing this life saving research to move forward in the first 100 hours of Congress, House Democrats plan to fulfill another important pledge they have made to the American public.

Throughout the nation and more specifically in Missouri a majority of people have offered their support for research that can lead to life saving cures.

The DeGette-Castle bill would expand the federal embryonic stem cell policy and create an ethical framework that must be followed in conducting this research under the guidance of the National Institutes of Health. Embryonic stem cell research could hold the cure to diseases like Parkinson's and diabetes that could be cured by stem cell research. Congressman Carnahan helped gather a similar prevailing vote last May, that was subsequently passed by the Senate last summer; President Bush vetoed that measure.

H.R.3 was introduced on Friday, January 5, 2007 with 210 original co-sponsors and is expected to pass after consideration later today on the House floor.

Congressman Carnahan is slated for remarks both during and immediately after today's floor action on stem cell.